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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action dated October 24, 2005.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 2 of this paper.

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Copies of two (2) foreign references and a new PTO/SB/08, previously cited in an IDS filed on November 17, 2003, are attached hereto.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE TITLE

Please amend the title to recite:

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